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In re Application of: STAW :  
Appl. No.: 10/670,777 : DECISION ON PETITION  
Filed: September 26, 2003 :  
For: GAME PAYOUT VALUE MODIFICATION :  
SYSTEM AND METHODS

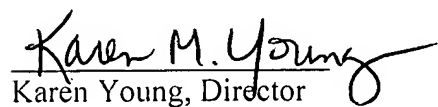
This is a decision on the petition filed on July 27, 2005 by which petitioner requests acceptance of a duplicate paper. The petition is considered pursuant to 37 CFR 1.181, and no fee is required.

The petition is granted.

On December 14, 2004 an Office Action was issued in the instant file. Petitioner allegedly filed an amendment under 37 CFR 1.112 on June 14, 2005 via facsimile. This paper was inadvertently faxed to fax number (703) 306-5995 and was received by USPTO Assignment Division. On July 25, 2005, the USPTO Assignment Division returned the paper to petitioner stating it lacked an appropriate cover sheet for processing. Petitioner has submitted an evidentiary copy of the returned submission, which includes a certificate of facsimile transmission under 37 CFR 1.8, dated June 14, 2005. As USPTO Assignment Division returned the papers to petitioner, it can be concluded the papers were timely transmitted and received by the USPTO. Based upon this evidence, the duplicate paper is accepted.

The application is being forwarded to the Head Supervisory Applications Examiner in Technology Center 3700 to have an entry in the PALM system made to show acceptance of the duplicate copy of the June 14, 2005 amendment, entry of said amendment, processing of any extensions of time necessary, and forwarding of the application to the examiner for action on the amendment in due course.

PETITION GRANTED

  
Karen Young, Director  
Technology Center 3700